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The Phase I identification study and the Phase II evaluation study were conducted in 1991 and 1992. They provided the opportunity to further delve into the lifeways of the African-American community in Alexandria. This study provided the opportunity not only to learn further about the historic church and congregation, it also shed further light on the early free black population in Alexandria. The findings presented in this report are the result of almost a year of fieldwork and analysis.